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ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY HERITAGE *Celebration*

Illinois' first public university

This February Illinois State University will celebrate its 142nd anniversary as Illinois' first public university. The campus community and university friends are invited to participate in a weeklong Heritage Celebration in observance of the University's founding and legacy—and its "future heritage."

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1999

Illinois State University Heritage Celebration President's Concert

8 p.m., Ballroom, Bone Student Center

In honor of President David A. and Mrs. Trudy Strand, the Symphonic Winds, conducted by Stephen K. Steele and Daniel J. Farris, will perform.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1999

African Art Collection Exhibit

8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Milner Library; 7 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Edwards Hall; 7 a.m.-midnight Monday-Friday, Schroeder Hall

During trips to Africa in the 1970s Illinois State faculty and staff collected more than 1,500 items from West, East, and Central Africa. Since 1992 the collection has been displayed in Milner Library in a series of continually changing exhibits that include a variety of objects: clothing, divination gear and shrines, figures, household and workplace tools and furnishings, masks, memorial markers, musical instruments, regalia, smoking gear, and toys and games. The display for the Heritage Celebration will trace the collection's development and its history.

Mennonite College of Nursing Display: Celebrate the Past...Embrace the Future

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Ballroom, Bone Student Center

Photographs, commemorative programs, scrapbooks, uniforms, yearbooks, nursing textbooks, and miscellaneous items portray the vitality of the Mennonite College of Nursing from its founding in 1919 to the present. Of special interest is a photograph taken during Illinois State's 1948 Homecoming parade when a float created by nursing students taking classes at the University won the prize for best float: "You Ditch 'Em—We'll Stitch 'Em!"

Other university displays will also be featured.

Inauguration of the Heritage Celebration: Ringing of Old Main Bell

2 p.m., Quad

Student leaders will officially ring in the University's celebration of its heritage.

Founders Day Convocation

3 p.m., Ballroom, Bone Student Center

The University's official celebration of academic excellence will feature the conferral of an honorary Doctor of Science on Comdr. Barbara Scholley; the recognition of major university awards for students, faculty, administrative/professional staff, and civil service staff; and the premiere of this year's historical video. Music will be provided by the Symphonic Winds conducted by Stephen K. Steele and Daniel J. Farris.

Department of Military Science Display

4-6 p.m., Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

This display is in honor of alumna Comdr. Barbara Scholley of the U.S. Navy, who supervised the salvage of TWA Flight 800. She subsequently received the Meritorious Service Medal for recovering most of the wreckage of the downed airliner.

Founders Day Reception

4:15 p.m., Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Comdr. Barbara Scholley and other convocation award recipients will be honored guests at this reception.

Past Founders Day Videos

Continuously showing, first floor west concourse, Bone Student Center

Since the reinstitution of Founders Day in 1994, a video depicting a period of the University's history has been produced annually and premiered at Founders Day. The collection thus far—*The Founding*, *Go Forth to Danger*, *A New Era at Normal*, and *The Challenges of Change*—offers a chronological documentary of Illinois State's history from 1857 through 1867.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1999

Eyestone School Open House/Brown-Bag Lunch

11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Eyestone School on Adelaide Street

Jeani Stark, Financial Aid Office, will make two presentations on period artifacts and educational methods. Complimentary soft drinks will be available.

Performing Arts Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

2 p.m., between Williams Hall and Centennial East

In 1996 as part of the University's facilities enhancement program, Illinois State students approved proposals for a variety of campus projects, including a Performing Arts Center, which will house an 800-seat concert hall and a 450-seat theatre. Construction on the center is expected to begin in late February.

In Exchange: The Fell Arboretum's School Street Project

7-8:30 p.m., Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

In Exchange creator Dann Nardi and university horticulturist Don "Dean of Green" Schmidt will discuss this unique project, which will convert a vacated two-block portion of School Street into an educational and sculptural walkway to be enjoyed by members of the community and students alike as an experiential learning environment and entrance to campus. A model of the project and a video will be shown.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1999

West Gates Dedication

2 p.m., University Street across from Thomas Metcalf School

Located along University Street across from Thomas Metcalf School, the gates complement and replicate the Fell Gates on the east side of the Quad near Hovey Hall. The new gates provide a formal entry to the heart of the campus from the west. Alumni helped fund the new gates through Reunion Gift 1995.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1999

Red/White Day

Members of the University community are encouraged to wear and display Illinois State's colors.

University Birthday Party

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Prairie Room, Bone Student Center

Special guests for the campus celebration of Illinois State's 142nd birthday will include President David A. Strand, a disc jockey, Reggie Redbird, and a caricaturist. There will be displays by student organizations. Celebration participants are encouraged to show their pride in the University by wearing red and white, and those doing so will be entered in a drawing for a special prize. A two-minute video of Redbird Arena construction through time-lapse photography will be showing, and a cake-cutting ceremony will be at 10:15 a.m. Brian Bloodworth, sports editor of *The Pantagraph*, and Roger Cushman, former Illinois State sports information director—authors of *100 Years of Illinois State Basketball*—will be present to sign copies of their book, available for purchase as long as the supply lasts. Current and former players, coaches, and Athletics Department administrators also will be on hand.

Observance of Illinois State's 142nd Anniversary: Ringing of Old Main Bell

Noon, Quad

Student leaders of the University's Greek community will commemorate the 142nd anniversary of the University.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1999

Heritage Academy

1 p.m., second floor east lounge, Bone Student Center

"Celebrate the Past...Embrace the Future"

Kathleen Hogan, president of Mennonite College of Nursing, will trace the heritage of the college since its creation in 1919 and discuss its legacy of caring.

2 p.m., coffee break

2:30 p.m., second floor east lounge, Bone Student Center

"Changes I Have Known...A Lighter Touch"

Margaret "Maggie" Parret will share unique recollections of her life at Illinois State, which began at age four as a kindergarten pupil; continued with graduation from Thomas Metcalf School, University High School, and the University itself; and ended with her retirement as a Communication Department professor in 1977 after 30 years on the Illinois State faculty.

Heritage Academy is sponsored by Senior Professionals and supported by a grant from Office of University Communications.

University Club Discussion Hour

4 p.m., University Club, Bone Student Center

William D. Semlak, director of International Studies, will present the topic "The Tradition of International Studies at Illinois State University." This program is specifically designed for graduate students, faculty, and staff.

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Heritage Celebration Planning Committee

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1859

Illinois State Normal University is two years into its existence but still one year away from having a catalog that describes course offerings. Students attend school for 42 weeks and study core subjects such as grammar and rhetoric, geography and geology, history, natural sciences, mathematics, Latin, drawing, music, and reading and spelling.



1999

The University has one of the largest undergraduate programs in Illinois. Its commitment to providing a solid education to undergraduate students of all majors is as strong as when it was founded—a fact evidenced by recent changes in the General Education program. The



new core course requirements are so strong they have drawn national attention, as well as praise from the Illinois Board of Higher Education, which calls Illinois State's General Education program "exemplary."



RICHARD
EDWARDS



1869

Controversy surrounds the issue of who should be allowed to attend Illinois State University. President Richard Edwards had welcomed to the Model School two years earlier the first African-American student, sparking a fierce storm of criticism from Chicago media. The University's board responds to the question of who should be admitted by endorsing in 1871

a policy that makes it clear Illinois State's doors will remain open to students of all races and colors.

1999

Diversity is still welcomed and encouraged on the Illinois State campus, where the opportunity to learn from faculty of various races and backgrounds is considered a key element of the University experience. Illinois State has a minority enrollment of 13 percent, and more than 300 of its students are from 60 other countries. *Black Issues in Higher Education* ranks the University among the top 50 schools in the nation in the number of bachelor's degrees conferred on African-American students at predominantly white universities and colleges.



1879

The University does not have access to even the simplest technology. It will be, for example, another year before a telephone is installed. The first telephone is placed in the reception room of Old Main at a cost of \$55 and with the expectation that an additional \$50 will be required annually to keep it operational.



OLD MAIN

1999

Illinois State is an established leader in using technology to vitalize the classroom. The University was one of the first institutions of higher education in the nation to teach writing courses in computer-equipped classrooms and is a pioneer in using computers with art and theatre programs. From simulated science experiments to "smart classrooms" and a 24-hour communication link with faculty, the University incorporates technology to strengthen learning across its curriculum.

1889

Edwin Hewett is president. One of his fondest hopes is to create a library. A printed catalog lists 1,030 titles owned by the University. Students access the materials by signing a register overseen by a chief student librarian, who is paid \$50 annually for the service. The library system changes markedly when Hewett hires Ange, Vernon Milner in 1890 to prepare a card catalog and establish a general library in the reception room of the University's only building, Old Main.



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VERNON
MILNER

1999

Milner Library has an operating budget of approximately \$6.2 million and more than three million holdings. It circulates more than 250,000 items annually, handling an average of 12,000 reference questions monthly. There are an average of 98,000 visits per month to Milner Library's World Wide Web site, which is just one electronic convenience. The library also offers electronic access to more than 17,000 journals, providing copies of articles on demand, and is the only public university library in Illinois open overnight.



1909

Illinois State has established a bachelor's degree program, a victory for President David Felmley, who had sought authorization from the General Assembly to award the degree as a step beyond two-year diploma work. By 1949 graduate work is also well under way. The first graduate student is Charlotte Elizabeth Wilcox, who completes a Master of Science in Education in 1945.



CHARLOTTE
ELIZABETH
WILCOX



1999

The University's Graduate School enrolls approximately 3,000 students and coordinates 41 master's, specialist, and doctoral programs. Research is an integral part of Illinois State's mission, as faculty team with graduate

and undergraduate students to explore questions and hone skills in a way no classroom lecture allows. The scholarly work done by students is showcased at research symposia sponsored each spring by the Graduate School.